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THE HAM THAT MADE IT FAMOUS

Story of Mt. Eaton's Best Known Product.

RECIPE NOW OPEN TO PUBLIC.

Warren E. Russell Has Edited a Little Book Containing the "Sure Cure" Process With Translations in French, German and Spanish, Together With a History of Its Origin.

"That ham! Mellow, aged * * * baked brown, spiced deeply, rosy pink within and of a flavor and fragrance to shatter the fast of a pope; and without, a brown-edged white layer, so firm that the deft carving knife, passing through, gave no hint to the eye that it was delicious fat."

These are the words of John Fox, jr. They serve as a fitting introduction to a delightful little brochure edited by Warren E. Russell, of this city. "The ham that made Mt. Eaton famous" is its motto. Between its cheerful red covers is described the famous Mt. Eaton ham curing process, with translations in German, French and Spanish, a biographical sketch of Mr. Robert A. Lucas, proprietor of the famous Lucas inn, whose grandfather originated the ham curing receipt, together with pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, the Lucas inn and the Lucas inn dog. Here is the story of the origin of the "sure cure for ham and bacon:"

In 1831 William Lucas and his wife, natives of Northamptonshire, England, came to America. By devious route they went westward, and stopped for a time at a little settlement, which is now West Lebanon, Wayne county, O., upwards of six hundred miles west of New York. This family remained only a short time in West Lebanon, and while there a son, the present Robert A. Lucas, was born to them. A short time later the elder Lucas bought a piece of land on the crown of the next hill top called Mt. Eaton, three miles to the west, and there began to make a home in the wooded wilderness. By their practice of furnishing food and shelter for man and beast the Lucas home became a well known and popular stopping place on the state road between Massillon and Millersburg. In this region at this time taverns were few and far between and such became the demand that these good people soon found themselves willy nilly "keeping hotel." The present site of the little Lucas inn, in Mt. Eaton, is on the identical spot where the senior Lucas first set up his household goods.

About sixty miles south of Lake Erie, and in the southeastern corner of Wayne county, which is one of the richest farming and most productive grain raising counties of the Buckeye state, at an elevation of 1,340 feet above the sea level (much higher than any of the country surrounding) stands this little village. Six miles away is the nearest railway station, Justus. Mt. Eaton contains about four hundred people and has a postoffice, several general stores, two churches, the school house, the usual blacksmith shop, the cheese factory at the foot of the hill, the Lucas inn, and that is about all. It was settled many years ago in part by French people, and in the cemetery, which is largely out of proportion to the present size of the community, there is a liberal sprinkling of headstones inscribed in French.

Obscure as is this hill-top village, its fame is wide on account of the Lucas inn. The elder Lucas and his good helpmate have long ago passed away and the business is now conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Lucas, who were immediate successors of the founders. That this hotel has been carried on at the same location and has only had two landlords, a father and son, in over seventy years, makes it an institution unique according to the ideas of the bustling and changing west. The hotel building is plainness itself, and is "spotless town" in every nook and corner. It has a name and fame all its own for good things to eat, and every one of the dishes is prepared under the eye of Mrs. Lucas herself and served piping hot by Lizzie and Susie.

If you have taken a meal at the inn and have not been served with some of the Mt. Eaton Lucas ham you have missed that which has truly made Mt. Eaton and this hostelry famous. Some wag has suggested that the name Mt. Eaton should be changed to "Mt. Eating."

The elder Lucas prided himself on his method of curing meat and carefully worked out and carried out every step of the process himself; he taught his son how to do it and the latter has improved somewhat on the original method. The recipe and directions for carrying out the complete process have been kept profoundly secret up to this time and yet all the details have only now been authoritatively published to the world. The formula and instruction for application, as given in Mr. Russell's book, was carefully prepared, criticised and re-written under the personal direction of Robert A. Lucas himself. It is, therefore, not only authorized and correct, but it is also practicable and infallible for producing a quality of ham that is exactly right in flavor, degree of saltness and keeping quality.

As for the recipe itself, it would be taking the heart out of the little red book to repeat it here. It will do no harm to say, however, that while a recipe is only a recipe, one has but to read over the Mt. Eaton "sure cure" formula to acquire an overweening desire for ham and a sudden admiration for that often underrated animal, the hog. As the Richmond Coaster (quoted in the book) once remarked:

"You will never know the trouble and pleasure of life until you raise hogs. They are a botheration and a vexation to the spirit of man while they live, but bring joy and contentment to the soul of man when they die at hog killin' time."

CHRISTMAS TREES.

State Fire Chief Tells How They Should be Managed.

The state fire marshal sends out the following warning:

Every Chrismats tree furnishes accidents from Christmas trees taking fire from candles used to illuminate them. A lighted tree should not be left alone.

Christmas tree fires may result not only in a loss of presents, but in loss of life during a panic, if in a church, or in loss of a home if in a dwelling. As many as thirteen buildings have been burned in a single day, in Ohio, by this accident.

Recipe for making a giant torch: Take twigs of resinous trees, festoons of leaves, wreaths of tissue, cotton batting, bags of netting, fluffy clothes for dollies, toys of dried and painted wood, ornaments of explosive celluloid; mix and insert two dozen candles. Label: Christmas tree. Hot stuff. Handle with care.

The dangers may be avoided by preventing "Meddlesome Mattie" from readjusting things after the candles are burning; by shutting out currents of air which might move light material against a blaze and, above all, by putting out the candles before beginning to remove the presents. Many careful parents devote the tree entirely to the carrying of decorations, the presents being placed under it.

No Christmas time passes in the United States without some amiable gentleman or lady being burned to death by the igniting of the disguise while impersonating Santa Claus. This accident may be prevented by previously soaking the cotton, and other fiber used, in strong alum water.

Cotton is more dangerous than any other fiber because of its hollow structure and the stimulative effect of the contained air on combustion. Therefore, it should not be used for snow effects under trees.

It is not the object of this screed to criticise the popular method of observance of this most precious of christian festivals, but the fire marshal would be derelict in duty if he did not give warning that carelessness might change a household of mirth to one of mourning. Burnt offerings have no proper place in this religious celebration.

FEIT GOT BAIL.

He was Released from Jail Thursday Evening.

Peter Feit, who was bound over to the grand jury by Mayor Bell Thursday afternoon upon the charge of forgery, secured bail in the sum of $500 at 5 o'clock in the evening and was released from the city jail. John Swartz, a brother-in-law, went on the bond.

Feit's case will be heard by the grand jury at the January session. Leonard Stewart, who was connected with Feit in the presentation of a check for $500 at a Massillon bank, gave his permanent address to Mayor Bell and Chief Ertle and said that he would keep the officers posted as to his whereabouts should he be wanted when the Feit case comes up. Stewart says he lives in Pennsylvania.

CONVENTION ADJOURNED.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—The miners' convention adjourned today. Arrangements were made to send a request for a conference to the mine operators.

BOUND OVER TO THE GRAND JURY

Peter Feit Must Answer to the Charge of Forgery.

HEARING THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Charge Grew Out of the Presentation of a Check for $500 to the Merchants National Bank on Monday, December 4

Peter Feit, a young man whose home is near Dalton, was bound over to the grand jury by Mayor Bell Thursday afternoon, after a hearing, upon the charge of forgery. Feit's bond was placed at $500 for his appearance when wanted by the grand jury. An effort is being made to secure the bond by Feit's friends.

Feit was arrested Wednesday by Chief of Police Ertle and was given a preliminary hearing by Mayor Bell. He pleaded not guilty at the first hearing and the trial took place Thursday afternoon. H. M. Rudy, president of the Dalton bank, I. M. Taggart, cashier of the Merchants National bank, of Massillon, Leonard Stewart, a companion of Feit's, and Feit testified.

The charge of forgery grew out of the presentation of a check for $500 at the Merchants National bank by Stewart on December 4, which bore the name of H. M. Rudy and was made payable to George W. Cox. Feit says that Cox is a Cleveland man and gave him the check on the Sunday previous. Feit and Stewart have known each other a few months and Feit got Stewart to present the check, which was not paid by the bank officials.

Mr. Rudy testified in court Thursday that he did not issue the check. Stewart said that Feit had given him the check to get it cashed and had promised him the best pair of trousers in the city if he would get the money. I. M. Taggart told of the incident connected with the presentation of the check and the refusal to honor it. He said that he had been acquainted with Mr. Rudy's signature for several years and he felt certain as soon as he looked at the signature on the check that it was not Mr. Rudy's.

Feit testified in his own behalf and clung to the story that Cox had given him the check as a wedding present. Feit says he met Cox in Cleveland a number of months ago and that Cox was formerly a stock dealer. Feit does not know what Cox is doing now.

After giving all witnesses ample time to testify and hearing Feit's testimony, Mayor Bell announced that he found sufficient evidence to hold Feit for the grand jury and bound him over in the sum of $500. The grand jury will meet in a few weeks.

Stewart's home is in Pennsylvania, but he and Feit have been working for the Wheeling & Lake Erie several weeks. Stewart will leave for his home but will be in reach if wanted by the grand jury or common pleas court.

FIGHTING BRIDGE TRUST.

Alleged That State Has Been Robbed of Millions.

Columbus, Dec. 16.—Revelations that millions of dollars have been unlawfully taken from county treasuries through the medium of bridge contracts are due to the work of Attorney H. C. DeRan, of Fremont, and former Attorney General Frank S. Monnett. DeRan was the pioneer, having fought against the steal in court and in legislature for ten years.

"In practically all the counties of this state," said DeRan, in reviewing the crusade, "a working majority of the county officials is under the control of the bridge combine. The result is that the bridge interests name their own contract conditions without molestation. Enormous profits are added to a fair price for a bridge and the surplus is divided among the bridge companies and county officials.

"The rule has been for a number of bridge agents to interview county officials and the thing developed into a test of diplomacy. The agent who could coax the officials to pay the highest price and accept the smallest rake-off was usually accorded the contract. In this election we made a fight against nine crooked prosecutors who had acted with the bridge companies and we beat eight of them.

"If the prosecutors in twenty important counties were to file suit we could drive the bridge trust from the state. Then fair men could enter the field and work would be done at honest prices.

"I believe that the taxpayers are robbed of 75 to 80 per cent of all the money they pay for bridges and they pay millions every year.

"Contracts for less than $1,000 are under the control of the county commisioners. Those over $1,000 are awarded by the commissioners, county prosecutor and county auditor. It is a great graft in every county to hold contracts whenever it can be done just below the $1,000 limit."

TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS.

Superintendent Walter's Report for Month of November.

The following is the report of the Perry township public schools for the month of November, as collected by Superintendent G. H. Walter:

District No. 2 (Pleasant Valley)—Present every day, Nellie Feather, Edith Beiner, Edna Byerly, Edith Byerly, Hattie Byerly, Mabel Wells, Alice Kryder, Rudolph Byerly, Edward Bailey, Edmund Stephan, Ralph Brown; missed one day, Esther Detwiler, Hazel May, Florence Bailey, Walter Doll, Ernest Jacobs, Earl Albright, Andy Haztler, John Cunningham, Roy Cunningham, John Hoffner, Robert Stephan, Jennie May. W. E. Rheinhart, teacher.

District No. 3 (Freemans)—Present every day, Donald Rogers, Frank Underbrink, Ida Scott; missed one day, Hilda Camp, Curtis Rogers, Arthur Scott, Hazel Bungard, John Scott. William H. Sheetz, teacher.

District No. 4 (Millersburg)—Present every day, Clarence Bechtel, Joseph Custer, Willie Kocher, Helen Zollars, Ida Kocher, Zelma Smith, Nora Custer, Florence Dannemiller, Lucy Foltz, Cecelia Deville, Ralph Karrer; missed one day, Albert Zollars, George Kocher, Mary Kocher, Bessie Race, Edith Dannemiller. Ruth M. Grant, teacher.

District No. 5 (Center)—Present every day, Gertrude Altland, Vernon Jones, Thomas Altland, Russell Umbenhour; missed one day, Herbert Doll, Alda Schwier, Ernest Fuller. Ira M. Smith, teacher.

District No. 6 (Sheidlers)—Present every day, Homer Au, Jesse Brown; missed one day, Florence Schroyer, Inez Stark, Ida Krabill. Samuel D. Frase, teacher.

District No. 7 (Richville)—Grammar, present every day, Bertha Bowman, Margaret Keller, Alice Gallatin, Laurence Smith, Harry Keiler, George Custer, Clyde Bowman, Ralph Smith, Clyde Metzgar, William Goodman, Calvin Custer; missed one day, Pearl Kime, Harvey Goodman. I. F. Dice, teacher.

Primary, present every day: Susie Hofer, Daniel Keller, Mary Klick, Lester Custer, Golda Malcuit, Hazel Bowman, Hattie Keller, Della Spindler, Esther Keller, Irene Keller, Anna Shoup, Ida Spindler, Minnie Goodman, Paul Shuler, Ralph Goodman, Albert Aeschbacher, Harry Aeschbacher; missed one day, Verna Hofer, Arthur Gallatin. Grace Graybill, teacher.

District No. 8 (Murrays)—Present every day, Olive Bricker, Elva Smith, Florence Smith, Earl Bricker, Arthur Paul, Clark Smith, Harold Smith, Blanche Bricker; missed one day, Lucy Eberly, Earl Eberly, Willie Nehls, Rufus Miller, Lucy Nehls, Anna Myers, Samuel Myers. Grace L. Putman, teacher.

District No. 9 (Riverside)—Present every day, Eddie Boing, Eddie Fisher, Karl Boing, William Neisel, Flora Mross; missed one day, Cameron Bryce, Albert Ramsire, Ralph Earl, Pauline Neisel. J. E. McFarren, teacher.

District No. 10 (Genoa)—Present every day, Russell Hagy, Grace Mauger, Ralph Doll, Marie Brown, Corwin Schneider, Carl Streiber, Richard Little, Rachel Allen, Elmer Leininger, Ethel Brothers, John Brothers, Clyde Brothers, Grace Brown, Stella Leininger, Ella Indorf, Lavern Doll, Wade McCuen, Marion Wagner, Abram Fasnacht, Clark McCuen; missed one day, Maurice Mauger, Jacob Mauger, Marion McHenry, Daisy Fasnacht, Helen Crone, George Little, Howard Brothers, Austin Young, Orlando Schneider, Clara Schneider. William H. Hill, teacher.

Summary: Richville primary, enrollment 21, per cent attendance 95; Genoa, enrollment 43, per cent 94; Millersburg, enrollment 24, per cent 92; Murrays, enrollment 27, per cent 90; Richville, A grammar, enrollment 23, per cent 90; Pleasant Valley, enrollment 63, per cent 86; Freemans, enrollment 28, per cent 86; Center, enrollment 20, per cent 85; Sheidlers, enrollment 26, per cent 82; Riverside, enrollment 41, per cent 80.

Fortunate Father and Son.

I am as certain as I now live, says Mr. C. E. Bartholomew, Kalkaska, Mich., that Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, of Rondout, N. Y., saved my life when I was a victim of that terrible disorder—Bright's disease. My son had a fever sore on his leg; he too used Favorite Remedy and is now well. All druggists $1.00; 6 bottles $5 00.

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TRUSTEES MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The December Session at the State Hospital.

A PICTURE SHOW THIS WEEK.

One was Given Last Wednesday Evening—The Trustees Will Make Several Recommendations to the State Officials.

The trustees of the Massillon state hospital will meet at the hospital next Tuesday for the regular December meeting. The reports for the month are made up after the 15th. It is expected that several matters of importance will be considered by the trustees in view of the early meeting of the general assembly, which provides funds to run the hospital. The appropriations which will be made this winter must supply the hospital with funds for ordinary and extraordinary cases.

William McKinley hall was crowded Wednesday evening to witness a moving picture show given by the American picture company. The scenes shown represented a trip through the Alps, as seen from the rear of an observation car. The views were interesting and beautiful and the entertainment was the best given at the hospital this winter.

The trustees will call the attention of the general assembly to the fact that the present mode of parceling the appropriations for state institutions under numerous titles for different purposes is inconvenient and frequently a disadvantage to those trying to conduct the institution to the best advantage. The method did not work so much of a hardship when the general assembly met each year but it has been found now, when the general assembly meets but once in two years, that there are many funds exhausted before the biennial period is ended while others are nearly of the same amount as when set aside for the institution. The trustees will urge that the amount for a state institution be fixed from a list of appropriations asked for and then let the amount be distributed by the persons charged with the responsibility of controlling all the operations of the institution. The trustees point out the fact that such a plan is in operation in some other states. The trustees think that the detective work now being done under the garb of inspection ought to be sufficient to keep the state authorities fully advised of any folly or waste on the part of boards of trustees, if such a thing should occur.

The trustees will also ask the general assembly to make some provision for a conservatory at the Massillon institution. It has been the custom at other state institutions to have a conservatory built early in the institution's history. Many of the state hospitals are surrounded with bowers of flowers in summer. The Massillon hospital has never been favored to any great extent in this line. Even the land surrounding the buildings has not been fully graded although much improvement was made last summer in this particular. The Massillon hospital is the newest of the state now in operation and has been slighted in some particulars as compared with sums given other institutions for beautifying purposes. The trustees desire to have their share during the next two years.

Superintendent Eyman spent part of two days in Cleveland this week.

Twenty-five persons at the hospital are rehearsing for a Christmas cantata, which will probably be given on Christmas eve in William McKinley hall.

SOLD AT AUCTION.

Paraphernalia Worn by Sir Henry Irving in Various Plays.

London, Dec. 16.—The sale of the late Sir Henry Irving's theatrical relics, art works and library was begun at Christie's today. It was a very unusual crowd which gathered to witness the disposal of the collection. It included many notables in the theatrical world, beside other prominent persons, like Alfred Charles de Rothschild and Ashmead Bartlett Burdett-Coutts. To almost everyone of the 254 lots offered today some history or personal association attached.

The bidding was of the keenest, both on the part of dealers and of private buyer, and a total sum of $12,750 was realized. American dealers are said to have secured many of the best lots. A Malacca cane which had belonged to Garrick brought $210, and a plain gold ring worn by Garrick was sold for $215. The sword Irving wore as Richard III went for $155, and a flintlock pistol used in the character of Peter the Great was sold at the same figure. Another ring owned by Garrick, set with a topaz, which was presented to Irving in New York, was sold for $215. The Waterloo medal, worn by the actor as Captain Brewster in "The Story of the Waterloo," brought $150.

Among the most notable items were a bronze statue of Irving as Hamlet by Onslow Ford, the original of the marble statue now in the Guild hall here, which was sold for $1,625 to an American dealer; a carved ivory crucifix, which always hung in the actor's bedroom, brought $130; Charles Dean's table sold for $325, and Eugene Aram's lamp was knocked down for $85.

COUNTY SEAT NEWS

Sentence of Mrs. Studer Affirmed by Probate Court.

"JEW FRANK" IS SENTENCED.

He is Also Bound Over to Court on Another Charge — Two Stark County Prisoners are Paroled from the Penitentiary.

Canton, Dec. 16.—In handing down their decisions in the circuit court at New Philadelphia Friday afternoon Judges McCarty and Taggart gave it as their opinion that the verdict against Caroline Studer in the Tuscarawas county common pleas court should be affirmed. She was given a sentence of four years in the penitentiary for enticing two young girls to Canton for immoral purposes. Judge Donahue dissented from the opinion of the other jurists, sustaining the attorney for Mrs. Studer on every point. Attorney W. O. Werntz, who has fought the case bitterly from the start, says that the case will now be carried to the supreme court of Ohio. In the meantime Mrs. Studer will be confined in the jail at New Philadelphia. It will be some time before the case can be heard in the supreme court.

The man arrested under the name of George Edwards, but who afterwards turned out to be Samuel Franks, better known as "Jew Frank," of Cleveland, was given a hearing before Mayor Smith Saturday morning. He was arrested for attempting to pick the pocket of a man at the Wheeling & Lake Erie depot last Sunday evening, but the statutes of Ohio do not make this a crime. The city has an ordinance making this a felony, but as it does not conform to the state law it is almost worthless. The prosecution was conducted by Attorney William Day, while Attorney W. J. Piero acted as the legal adviser of the accused. After listening to the testimony of Detective John Smith, who made the arrest, and Saloonist Jacob Miller, who caught the man in the act, Mayor Smith found him guilty of being a suspicious person and gave him a fine of $50 and costs and sent him to the workhouse for thirty days on this charge. On the charge of resisting an officer Franks was bound over to the grand jury, his bond being fixed at $300. He was taken to the workhouse to await the carrying out of the sentence imposed and will then be taken to the county jail to await the action of the common pleas court.

Curtis C. Staub, who was sent to the penitentiary about five years ago from Columbiana county for twelve years for shooting with intent to kill a farmer named Miller, residing northeast of Alliance, near Bayard, has been granted a parole from the prison. Staub was a barber by trade and lived in Canton. When he shot Miller he had his face blindfolded and slept in the barn the night previous to shoot his man. While in the prison he has been an exemplary prisoner, acting as the barber for the warden.

Charles Wulle, who was sent to the penitentiary from the common pleas court by Judge Harter for two years for breaking into a place with the intent of committing a felony, was also paroled. During May 30, 1904, Wulle broke into Lee Pierce's saloon in company with another young man named Charles Snyder. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

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The Republican party in Michigan remains unenthusiastic over the unsolicited accession of Webster Davis to its ranks. Mr. Davis made an unmitigated guy of himself a few years ago in the name of patriotism and justice. Now even the people who patted him on the back at that time are treating him with deserved contempt.

The Los Angeles (Cal.) Evening News observes that there can be no objection on the Pacific coast to an amended exclusion act which, while opening the door to China of the class mentioned, still vigorously bars the coolies and skilled and unskilled laborers. It is profoundly hoped that a few "students" and business men will decide to stay after they get ashore and turn themselves into house servants. Coolies and laborers alike are welcomed in limited numbers if they are of the right sort.

According to Washington dispatches members of the House of Representatives are growing more disturbed each day over the recent statement that Postmaster General George B. Cortelyou will put into effect a rule by which presidential postmasters may continue in office so long as they perform satisfactory service. It was announced a day or two ago that within a short time a bill would be introduced in the House limiting the terms of presidential postmasters to eight years. Since that announcement was made the sentiment in favor of such a bill has become so strong that the author of it, a representative from Ohio, is now confident of its passage. The difficulty of its passage, if any arises, will come in the Senate, where the members do not have that eager interest in postmastership appointments which attaches to membership in the lower branch.

Henry Clews says in his weekly financial report: Our railroad situation continues highly satisfactory. Earnings of forty-one roads for the month of November showed an increase of over eight per cent for that month over the large returns of a year ago. Many of the roads are still seriously overtaxed with traffic, and there is no question but that much of the new building proposed up to date is absolutely necessary in order to keep pace with the growth of trade and population in the West. Unless something happens to interfere with the present progressive movements we are likely to see considerable new mileage constructed in the West during the next two years. Nothing has occurred thus far at Washington to create very serious apprehension regarding railroad legislation. A number of bills have been introduced the purposes of which are so conflicting that a long and possibly fruitless discussion seems in prospect.

VOTED EARLY AND OFTEN.

Grand Jury at Cleveland Indicts Two Men.

Cleveland, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—The grand jury today returned a joint indictment against Percy A. Secot, precinct clerk of elections, and Mike Ryan, judge of elections in the same precinct. The men are charged with voting forty-six times each at the recent Republican primary election.

PORTERFIELD WAS HERE.

Stopped to Visit Deputy Warden Dangeleisen.

State Game Warden J. C. Porterfield stopped in Massillon Friday night on his way to Columbus from Cleveland to visit Deputy Warden A. Dangeleisen. Mr. Porterfield left for Columbus Saturday morning. While here Mr. Porterfield and Mr. Dangeleisen conferred upon several matters pertaining to the violation of the game laws in Deputy Dangeleisen's district, which will come up for hearing in the near future. They made a trip to New Philadelphia late Friday evening to investigate rumors that had come from that place. They did not make known the result of their visit.

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LONG, SWEET TRANCE

Miss Roosevelt's Fiance So Describes Experience as Accepted Lover.

IN FAVOR OF RATE LEGISLATION

Congressman Longworth of Ohio in Sympathy With Prospective Father-in-Law's Political Views — Talks Frankly About His Happiness.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Congressman Longworth of Ohio, future son-in-law of President Roosevelt and social lion of the day, is being congratulated by telegraph, by telephone and by word of mouth. Interviewers are on his trail and all are met with imperturbable good nature.

"How long has my engagement to Miss Alice been known to the immediate members of the family?" he repeated.

"Well, not very long. The engagement isn't of very long standing, you see. I notice that my relatives in Cincinnati declined to discuss the matter on the ground that they had no official information on the subject. Neither had I, as far as that goes. I knew I was engaged, but I did not know it officially. My understanding was that the announcement would be made next Sunday. It was made yesterday afternoon, and I didn't know then myself. That's why I had to keep perfectly quiet about it. I couldn't give out anything in advance of an announcement from the president and Mrs Roosevelt, you see."

"Did you plight your troth aboard the steamer returning from the Philippines?" Mr. Longworh was asked.

The question awakened a laugh.

Has Been in a Long, Sweet Trance.

"I really don't know," he answered. "I've been in what you might call a trance for so long that I am somewhat mixed as to dates."

He referred briefly to his plans for the future.

"They are necessarily of a tentative nature," he said. "The arrangements for the wedding will all be in the hands of Miss Roosevelt's family.

"There will be no extensive journey while congress is in session, but we probably will take a short trip. Then we will remain here at my Eighteenth street home until the adjournment of congress. It is quite likely that a European tour will follow. After that we will make Cincinnati our home."

One enterprising newspaper wanted to know how he stood on the railroad rate question—whether he was in full accord with his prospective father-in-law, the president.

"There will not be any trouble in the family on that question," he replied smilingly. "I voted for the Esch-Townsend bill in the last congress and will support a measure of that character again. My mind has been quite clear on that matter for a long time."

Social Set Gets Busy.

The social set of the capital is already busy over the details of the wedding, which is scheduled to take place at the White House the middle of February. Although the official announcement made by President and Mrs. Roosevelt offered no details beyond the mere fact of the engagement and the approximate date of the wedding, it is understood from reliable sources that the ceremony will take place in the beautiful east room.

HEARST NOT DISCOURAGED

Says His Lawyers Will Keep Up Fight for Honest Count.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 15.—W. R. Hearst has arrived here. When asked about the decision of the court of appeals of New York refusing to order the opening of the ballot boxes, he said that was only one of the many avenues along which his counsel was working.

"The contest is by no means over," said Mr. Hearst. "One line of action is closed to us, but there are others where the contest will progress rapidly. Personally, I would almost venture to hope that I might lose, as I am not in the position of a man seeking an office for itself. My position is that of a citizen fighting for the right of those who voted for him upon a definite platform that they want to see upheld."

Steamboat Sinks, Four Drown.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 15.—The Pittsburg and Morgantown packet, Rose Hite, southbound, ran into a tow of coal of the John F. Klein, near Lock No. 5 and sank. Several deck hands were drowned. Twelve passengers were aboard, among them being Miss Mestrezat, who was bound for Greensboro. No passengers were hurt. Miss Mestrezat was sent on south in a launch and the other passengers taken to Rices Landing.

His Brother His Rival; Suicide.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 15.—Because the woman he loved had become the bride of his own brother, Eungenino Palaferri, an Italian miner at Upstill, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

Student Killed by Train.

Ada, O., Dec. 15.—Edward J. Leppa, of Akron, O., a student in the science department at Ohio Northern university, was struck by a Pennsylvania passenger train and killed. He crawled under the gates at a crossing.

PEABODY'S SALARY $50,000

Successor to M'Curdy Chosen by Directors of Mutual Life.

New York, Dec. 14.—Two incidents affecting the life insurance situation in New York overshadowed the legislative investigation. While the committee was inquiring into the conduct of the Prudential and the Metropolitan, George W. Perkins resigned as first vice president and chairman of the finance committee of the New York Life. He was succeeded by Alexander E. Orr, president of the New York City Rapid Transit commission and as chairman of the finance committee by John Claflin, head of the H. B. Claflin company.

Another important move in the situation was the election by the trustees of the Mutual Life company of Charles A. Peabody to succeed Richard A. McCurdy as president of that company at $50,000 a year. Mr. McCurdy's salary was $150,000. Mr. Peabody is a lawyer, the American representative of William Waldorf Astor, and a director in several banks and other corporations.

Mr. Peabody also was nominated as trustee of the Mutual Life company to succeed Justice Rufus W. Peckham, and Emory McClintock was nominated to succeed Elihu Root. They cannot be elected as trustees until the next meeting of the board.

NO RECOUNT OF VOTES

Court of Appeals Denies Application of Hearst for Inquiry.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 14.—The court of appeals, by a vote of three to two, has denied the appeal of W. R. Hearst for a recount of the ballots in certain election districts in New York city. Mr. Hearst, who was the Municipal Ownership candidate for mayor of New York, is contesting the election of Mayor McClellan, who, it is charged, was elected by fraudulent votes. Mr. Hearst is thus deprived of the opportunity to expose the alleged fraud and prove his election.

The dissenting judges hold that the purpose of the legislature in the election law in commanding the preservation for six months of the ballots and other documents relating to an election was manifestly for the purpose of having them available for a recount. If this is not to be permitted under the present law, they say, "a new election law cannot be too soon drafted and enacted."

New York, Dec. 14.—Mr. Hearst's counsel announced that an appeal would be made to the legislature during the first week of its meeting in January to pass a bill providing specifically for a recount of all the ballots cast in the recent election.

HUMMELL ON TRIAL

Prosecuting Attorney Says Attempt Was Made to Kill Witness.

New York, Dec. 11.—Abraham H. Hummel, the attorney, was placed on trial on charges of conspiracy and subornation of perjury in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case. Counsel for the accused made an effort to have the trial delayed, but Justice Rogers overruled all the motions.

Assistant District Attorney Rand, who is in charge of the prosecution, made the assertion that efforts had been made "by the other side" to kill Charles F. Dodge, a most important witness against Hummel. Mr. Rand said it was necessary to guard Dodge constantly. He urged this as one reason for an early hearing of the case.

HOT AFTER REBATERS

Evidence Being Taken Against Shippers and Carriers Alike.

Cleveland, Dec. 14.—United States District Attorney Sullivan has received instructions from Attorney General Moody to inaugurate a searching investigation as to violations of the law against freight rebates and discrimination by either common carriers or shippers.

The matter is of unusual importance in this city because of the fact that a number of complaints of trade discrimination by means of a rebate system have already been filed with United States District Attorney Sullivan. Under the strict orders received the district attorney must proceed immediately to investigate these particular complaints.

MURDERED BY THIEVES

New Brighton Watchman Prevents Burglary at Cost of Life.

New Brighton, Pa., Dec. 14.—Michael Brew, a night watchman, was shot and killed by burglars in the rear of Stuckey's Red Cross pharmacy. The burglars, thought to be four or five in number, escaped.

The burglars gained entrance to the drug store, gathered together a lot of plunder and were about to remove it, when Watchman Brew discovered them. He rushed around to the rear of the store to intercept them, when a volley from revolvers caused him to drop in his tracks, and the burglars took to their heels.

Another Powder Plant Goes Up.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 14.—The mixing house at the works of the Dupont Powder company, near Boyles, eight miles north of this city, was accidentally blown up, killing five workmen instantly.

Membership Sells for $88,000.

New York, Dec. 14.—A membership of the New York stock exchange was sold for $88,000, the highest price at which a stock exchange seat has ever sold. The last previous high record was $85,000.

FOR SAN BLAS ROUTE

Senator Scott of West Virginia Speaks on the Isthmian Canal Question.

ADVOCATES CHANGE OF PLAN

Senator Morgan of Alabama Also Makes Address in Which He Says Two Canals Will Eventually Become Necessary to Accommodate Traffic.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate spent four hours discussing the Panama canal emergency appropriation bill and when it adjourned the bill was still under consideration. There were set speeches by Messrs. Teller, Scott and Morgan and they were followed by a general debate, in which all phases of the controversy were exploited, including the question of salaries, the control of the Panama railroad and the necessity for general legislation on the canal subject. Mr. Allison, chairman of the committee on appropriations, expressed the opinion that congress should take up the question of salaries in connection with other canal legislation. He also said that the status of the Panama railroad should be made the subject of legislation.

Messrs. Teller, Scott and Morgan expressed dissatisfaction with the conditions in Panama, but all indicated a determination to support the supply measures necessary to secure the construction of the canal as at present undertaken. Mr. Teller advocated a sea-level canal; Mr. Scott spoke in support of the San Blas route as preferable to all others, and Mr. Morgan expressed the opinion that before the Panama canal is completed another canal will be necessary to do the business required.

A separate bill regulating the issuance of bonds for the canal and placing them on the same basis as other government bonds was passed without debate.

Mr. Elkins made a statement from the committee on interstate commerce expressing the opinion that the committee would present a report within a reasonable time.

Debate on the recommendation in the president's annual message regarding insurance regulation occupied the house. The pending resolution refers the question to the ways and means committee and in its defense Mr. Payne, chairman, made the argument that the only way congress could control insurance was through the taxing power. To this many objections were made. Members said congress could not afford to take the position that the only way it could control insurance was through taxing it; that it should resolutely pursue other methods of control until some way was found which would be effective. The liberal rules of the debate allowed lengthy speeches, which went off on other subjects more or less intended for home consumption and applicable to particular localities.

Mary E. Farnalls was appointed postmaster at Jackson Valley, Pa., Susquehanna county, a fourth-class office.

Representative Dalzell of Pennsylvania introduced a bill to incorporate the Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal company.

HAZERS TO BE DISMISSED

Navy Secretary Will Enforce Discipline at Annapolis Academy.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Hazing of every kind, it is announced, will be stamped out of the navy academy, regardless of the number of dismissals from the brigade of midshipmen necessary to bring about this result. Two midshipmen will be dismissed from the academy within a few days, the one for hazing and the other for countenancing it by failure while on duty to report its occurrence.

Secretary Bonaparae received a report from Admiral Sands announcing the suspension of Midshipman Trenmor Coffin, Jr., third class, for hazing Midshipman Jerdone Pettus Kimbrough, fourth class, by forcing him to stand on his head until he became unconscious, and of Midshipman Warren Abbe Van Derveer, second class, because while on duty he observed the occurrence and failed to report it.

The superintendent called attention to the fact that Midshipmen Coffin and Van Derveer were guilty of violating a well-known regulation for the government of the naval academy and recommended their summary dismissal in accordance with an act of congress approved March 3, 1903.

A resolution providing for a thorough investigation of conditions at the naval academy was introduced by Representative Loud of Michigan. The investigation is to be made by the house naval committee, which is especially instructed to "ascertain and report whether violations of the law and the regulations governing the academy continue and whether hazing, fagging, running and fist fighting continue in practice there and the knowledge of and responsibility of the officers of the academy for any conditions found to exist."

Goes to Pen Next Thursday.

Cleveland, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will be taken to the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus next Thursday to begin her 10-year sentence.

MISS ROOSEVELT TO WED OHIO CONGRESSMAN

NICHOLAS LONGWORTH.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Formal announcement has been made by the president and Mrs. Roosevelt of the engagement of their daughter, Alice Lee Roosevelt, to Nicholas Longworth, representative in congress from the first district of Ohio, one of the Cincinnati districts. Coupled with the announcement of the engagement is the additional announcement that the wedding will take place about the middle of next February.

While arrangements for the wedding have not been made it is expected that it will occur at the White House.

KILLED BY RUNAWAY CAR

College Professor's Wife Among Dead in Meadville Wreck.

Meadville, Pa., Dec. 14.—A runaway trolley car, dashing down College Hill faster than a mile a minute, struck the heavily loaded Cambridge Springs car, killing two passengers and injuring a dozen or more. The dead are:

Mrs. Breed, age 33, wife of Dr. Robert S. Breed of the Allegheny college faculty.

John Beckman, age 50, of Northeast.

The seriously injured are Levi Birchard of Cambridge Springs, age 60, probably fatally; Samuel Gray of Cambridge Springs, feet crushed; Mrs. Pitman Davis of Saegertown, head and arm badly bruised; Miss Mary Hickernell, Saegertown, age 24, bruised about head and face, dug out of wreckage, will recover; Mrs. Levi Hickernell, age 63, Saegertown, bruised, will recover; Dr. M. B. Roudebush, age 60, Saegertown, head, arm and hip bruised, not dangerous; Mrs. John Moyer, sister and child of Woodcock township, all badly cut and bruised about head and face; Miss Ethel Case, age 18, Saegertown, side bruised but able to walk.

The more seriously injured were taken to the hospital. Five minutes ahead of the time for the passenger car to leave Cambridge Springs a car towing another car on a six-foot chain started for the storage barn on top of College Hill. In front of the Odd Fellows' home the chain broke and the rear car, with a mile of grade, half of it steep, started down the hill. It met the loaded car at the foot and the terrific impetus carried both cars over 1,000 feet down North Main street, after reaching the bottom of the grade.

PULLIAM REELECTED

National League Magnates Transact Business Harmoniously.

New York, Dec. 14.—Harry C. Pulliam was reelected president, secretary and treasurer of the National League Baseball clubs. James A. Hart, the retiring president of the Chicago club, was placed in nomination against Mr. Pulliam by John T. Brush, president of the New York club, but declined to run. Despite this fact, two votes were cast for Mr. Hart, one by Mr. Brush and one by August Hermann of the Cincinnati club, it was officially stated.

After the constitution had been amended so as to provide for five directors instead of four and eliminating the geographical qualifications—two from the east and two from the west—the following directors were chosen: A. H. Soden, Boston; Barney Dreyfuss, Pittsburg; Charles H. Ebbetts, Brooklyn; W. J. Shettsline, Philadelphia, and Charles W. Murphy, Chicago. The old board consisted of Messrs. Dreyfuss, Brush, Hart and Soden.

Messrs. Brush, Hermann and Ebbetts were reappointed a committee on constitution and Messrs. Hanlon, Dreyfuss and Murphy were named as the committee on playing rules.

TWO AMERICANS AND BRITISH CONSUL DROWNED.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Dec. 14.—The schooner Florencia, while on her voyage from Bluefields, Nicaragua, to Port Limon, Costa Rica, was wrecked. Among those lost were Frederick M. H. Wood, British consul at Port Limon; two Americans, John Tibant and W. M. Rather, the latter from Texas, and three sailors. One passenger and two sailors were rescued.

Freight Train Upset by Wind.

Rome, Dec. 14.—A violent windstorm caused damage to many steamers in Neapolitan waters. At Venice a launch was capsized and its five occupants were drowned. At Sarno, in the province of Salerno, a freight train of 21 cars was overturned by the wind. Several regions in the south were flooded.

THE STATEHOOD FIGHT

Better Feeling Over It In the Senate.

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO AS ONE

Machine Made Petitions That Reach Congress — General Grosvenor In Emphatic Mood — When Senatorial Courtesy Does Not Figure.

Washington, Dec. 15. — [Special.] — Statehood must be fought out again in the senate. Those who oppose the uniting of Arizona and New Mexico are as vigorous as they were a year ago, although they may not be as strong in votes as they were in the last senate. A year ago they had the advantage of a short session and could have talked the bill to death, but they finally allowed a vote, but the bill passed in an unsatisfactory form to everybody and was dropped. Now there is a long session ahead, and the debate can continue for weeks or even months. There are indications that there will be some very important developments before the discussion ends and the motives of some senators may be questioned. There are hints that if the opposition to making Arizona and New Mexico a state continues after it has been found that a majority favors the bill the debate may become personal.

Machine-Made Petitions.

Every year congress is flooded with petitions which become known as "machine made" or "made to order" sentiment. These petitions have printed headings and are sent by all kinds of organizations which hold meetings and where signers can be secured. This year is no exception. From the farmers' organizations and some chambers of commerce and mercantile associations are petitions asking for legislation enlarging the powers of the interstate commerce commission over railway rates. Some railroad organizations are remonstrating against the passage of such legislation. Railroad men petition for the enactment of an employers' liability law. Labor organizations are sending in thousands of petitions "praying for the rigid enforcement of immigration regulations and the enactment of such additional laws as will afford protection against the depressing industrial effects of the unrestricted admission of foreigners to the United States."

Senatorial Gallantry.

Senators Perkins of California and Bulkeley of Connecticut are fine examples of senatorial gallantry. Only the other evening they were seen hanging to straps in a swaying car that they entered at the capitol when it was empty, but they had vacated comfortable seats in order that ladies would not have to stand.

General Grosvenor Emphatic.

The white haired veteran of Ohio is emphatic when he wants to "nail a lie" or stamp out a false impression. Some way the story got about that two or three house leaders had opposed the appointment of Jim Tawney for the chairmanship of the appropriation committee. Grosvenor was named as one of these leaders. When the story was brought to his attention he remarked in tones that left no doubt as to his meaning: "So far as I am concerned it is an unmitigated lie. I never spoke to Cannon about Tawney."

When Courtesy Ends.

"Senatorial courtesy," about which we hear so much in the course of the session, does not extend to the assignment of places on committees or committee rooms. One might suppose that a committee room belonged to the committee and that every member would have equal rights there, but not so. It belongs to the chairman almost as much as his room in a hotel. In the rearrangement of committees there is always a scramble for vacant chairmanships, especially if a good room goes with the committee. The senators who make up the committees are having nearly as much trouble with the rooms as they have in placing the new senators and filling vacancies. In making demands for committee places and committee rooms senators do not hesitate to get all they can.

Senatorial Amenities.

"When this bill," remarked Senator Allison, referring to the emergency canal appropriations, "comes before the appropriations committee, I will, with the aid of the South Carolina senator, endeavor to give it due consideration."

"If I did not know," replied Senator Tillman, "how eminently and thoroughly kind hearted and genial the senator from Iowa is, I would have taken that as a sarcastic allusion to my insignificance as a member of the appropriations committee, because no one feels his unimportance there more than I do."

"I ought to have said," remarked Allison, "in connection with the senator from South Carolina, that he has had very little knowledge of what was being done in the committee on appropriations." And he beamed on the South Carolinian with smiling countenance.

"I am not allowed to be there until the report comes from the subcommittee, and then it is railroaded through," remarked Tillman.

Allison denied the railroading and expressed regret that ill health had prevented so valuable a member as Tillman from attending the sessions of the committee.

Then Tillman did the graceful. "After such a bouquet thrown at me," he said, "by such a distinguished member of the senate I suspect that I ought to subside."

But he did not.

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HOT LANGUAGE USED

Congressman Cockran Makes Vitriolic Attack on Millionaire Swindlers.

SAYS THEY CANNOT BE JAILED

Criminal Who Has Ten Millions Immune from Punishment—Pays Respects to McCurdy, Perkins, Morton and New Trustees of Equitable.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Panama canal was again under consideration by the senate and Mr. Tillman occupied the executive time given to that subject except when he gave way to questions from or interruptions by other senators. He did not indicate any intention of opposing the passage of the appropriation bill but he criticised the methods of the canal commission in manys of its transactions. He raised the question as to whether President Shonts is still in the employ of the Clover Leaf railroad and said that the railway register still carries his name as the head of that road He also sharply criticised the employment of Secretary Bishop as a press representative, and Mr. Hale joined in this censure,saying that Mr. Bishop's employment in that capacity is a reflection not only upon congress but upon the press. A part of Mr. Tillman's remarks was devoted to a criticism of the president's policy in Santo Domingo and Mr. Spooner defended the president's course. When the senate adjourned the bill was still pending, but there was an agreement for a vote today.

Before the Panama bill was taken up the senate adopted a resolution calling upon the postmaster general for information as to whether there is discrimination between college publications in the matter of admission to the mails as second class matter.

House Discusses Insurance.

The house devoted four and three quarter hours to lively debate on the possibilities of controlling insurance companies. Two set speeches were the features. One, by Mr. Sherley of Kentucky, bore on the doctrine of state's rights, and the other, by Mr. Cockran of New York, related to the actions of the officers who manage the big life insurance companies of his state, Mr. Cockran poprosing that congress through its taxing power should confine all insurance companies to the state in which they are organized.

Mr. Mann of Illinois outlined a proposed means of control he will later present in the form of a bill, leaving it to the insurance companies to voluntarily submit to federal examination and approval. Mr. Williams, the minority leader, concluded the debate, holding that control was possible, but not through the taxing power.

Digressions were indulged in, first, to send a message to the senate returning its bill regarding canal bonds as an usurpation of the constitutional rights of the house to originate revenue legislation, and again to discuss hazing at Annapolis. No conclusion was reached on the committee reference of the insurance feature of the president's message, which is the matter under consideration and the debate will proceed today.

House Should Use Its Power.

Discussing the insurance question in the house Mr. Cockran (New York) maintained that the power of taxation was a legitimate weapon for the control of the privileges of commerce. The reason the senate was steadily increasing in power, he said, was because it constantly exercised every vestige of its power. Emphasizing the relations of the houses, he asserted that powers unused would decay and that the house now possessed all the power necessary to establish its predominancy.

Mr. Cockran said it had been assumed that corruption and vices were inherent qualities in the insurance system and said: "The gentleman from Kentucky wants state regulation; the gentleman from Illinois wants federal jurisdiction. I maintain the remedy can be had without either.

"Within my memory the three large companies have accumulated a billion and a quarter of dollars and it will not be a generation before this sum will be five or six billions. The utter viciousness of this condition is that these funds are under the control of men who have no personal interest in them. This money is a trust fund and yet the persons who are the beneficiaries of the trust cannot have a word to say regarding them. This system has been the growth of but few years and the system must be wholly uprooted to effect a cure."

Cockran Proposes Remedy.

Mr. Cockran's remedy was to confine insurance companies to the state in which they were organized, the same as savings banks are confined. "Believe me," he declared, "there is not the need of paying a salary of $150,000 a year by any insurance company to protect its policyholders, but it is necessary to get a man to swindle them."

It was an awful spectacle, he said, to see these men mount the witness stand and boldly confess their misuse of the people's funds. There is now the spectacle in New York, he said, of the district attorney working day and night to prosecute those guilty of violating the purity of the ballot boxes, which was commendable. But at the same time the insurance officials did not go to jail, but back to their offices after their confessions. He said it was a deplorable confession to make, but he would assert that it would be absolutely impossible to put the possessor of $10,000,000 in any jail in this country.

Mr. Cockran described the method of stock gambling practiced by insurance companies and said that the thousands of successful instances left no record behind. It was only the few failures where the companies were required to make good that a record was made. As a proof that no special skill is necessary in insurance for insurance purposes Mr. Cockran said:

"We have but to look at the method by which these three companies have undertaken to reorganize themselves. What is the first thing they have done? Do they go out and look for insurance experts? Not by any means. The first thing they did was to send them all away.

Ryan a Great Philanthropist.

"The Equitable company has been reorganized on a somewhat peculiar basis. A very rich gentleman whom we all have the right I suppose to call a philanthropist—for he himself has said it and it is greatly to his credit—(laughter)—has purchased the control of this company and given $2,500,000 for stuff that can pay him but $3,500 a year.

"Now, in order to appease the popular mind on the philanthropic enterprise, what has he done? Has he gone to the insurance world to find this talent that is worth $150,000 a year or $75,000 a year? By no means. He has gone outside and appointed a kind of financial vigilance committee, and not one of the vigilants has ever had anything to do with an insurance company except that possibly one of them may have borrowed money from it. A very eminent statesman, one of the most illustrious of our time, has been called from the classic shades of Princeton, where he has been spending the decline of an illustrious life in composing philosophical contributions to the thought of the country, and placed in the chair of an insurance company with which, so far as I know, he has never had the slightest acquaintance whatever.

Takes Fling at Paul Morton.

"Another gentleman who may have borrowed money from an insurance company, but certainly never had anything to do with the administration of one himself, a financier of no mean distinction, is associated with him.

"And the third is a judge, an eminent judge, a judge whose motives nobody will ever question, but who, in taking on this peculiar function of a vigilant, has been compelled to disqualify himself from sitting in a great number of cases which the state of New York had expected him to adjudicate.

"And in order to make effective this reform, a gentleman is selected who may have been a good railroad man—I believe he was—and we have the authority of the president for it, that he was an excellent cabinet officer, too good in fact to remain—(laughter)—and this gentleman, who in the walks of life where he had proven his efficiency, I do not believe could command over $25,000 or $30,000 a year, gets $80,000 in a calling for which he has had no qualification or preparation whatever.

"Now, that is reform, as the insurance companies themselves call it.

Reformation of the Mutual.

"In the Mutual we have the very board of trustees who had themselves either been active agents of these frauds or privy to them, choosing a new head and that selection is generally attributed to the influence of a gentleman who had leaped into a peculiar fame through magazine articles and which seem to describe him as the triumphant and successful hero of a hundred larcenies. (Laughter.)

"In the New York Life, the third, we find the vice president, after avowal of crime, after swearing on his own oath that he had purchased bonds one day and sold them the next day to the same company at an advance of 2 per cent, driven out by the indignation of the community, finds himself followed by the adulation of this board, and complimentary resolutions—complimentary to efficiency in plunder—have spread through the public press as advertisements paid for out of the funds of the policyholders whom he had robbed."

Mr. Cockran paid his respects to Mr. Perkins and Mr. McCurdy, saying they doubtless were surprised at their own modesty.

"Rockefeller's fortune is a monument to crime," declared Mr. Cockran, "and he does not deny it. It is time we should consider the awful effect of criminals still holding the offices they have abused," Mr. Cockran added.

Blown to Atoms by Glycerin.

New Martinsville, W. Va., Dec. 16.—W. N. Parten, an oil well shooter, while on his way to a well back of Waverly, was blown to atoms by the explosion of glycerin which he was hauling.

Engaged Ones Give Box Party.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Miss Alice Roosevelt and Representative Longworth of Ohio entertained a box party at the Columbia theater last night.

Leaves $10,000 to Oberlin College.

Boston, Dec. 16.—The will of the late Mrs. Helen G. Coburn leaves $10,000 to Oberlin college at Oberlin, O.

Representative Morrill of Pennsylvania, chairman of the house committee on militia, introduced a resolution to reestablish the army canteen.

FIGHTING FOR LIFE

Thomas W. Lawson and the "System" Grappling in Desperate Struggle.

FORMER PUTS HIS FORTUNE IN

Has Collected Pool of $11,000,000 With Which to Combat Standard Oil Crowd — Conflict Wages Around Amalgamated Copper in Wall Street.

New York, Dec. 16.—The attention of people all over the country is directed to the New York stock exchange, where Thomas W. Lawson and the Standard Oil crowd have been engaged for some time past in a deadly struggle.

Amalgamated Copper stock soared above par. As Lawson predicted that it would go the other way and formed a $10,000,000 pool to back this opinion, it wasn't very difficult to guess that Lawson and his friends had been hard hit. Lawson, with his usual frankness, issued a statement saying that the losses of the pool aggregated $3,400,000, but that he was still in the ring and still believed he was right.

T. W. LAWSON.

In a lengthy "ad," Lawson issued another defi to what he terms the "system," announcing that he has added $5,000,000 to the first pool, making $11,000,000 in all, to continue operations along the same lines. He said the money put in by him embraces every dollar of his fortune.

"If I fail," he continued, "the world will know it by my public bankruptcy, in which event I will be compelled to fall back upon my pen unaided with money to fight the battle to a finish."

In view of this critical situation, it is no wonder that many eyes are turned toward Wall street and the stock exchange. The first quotations in Amalgamated Copper were slightly favorable to Lawson. They showed a decline of nearly a point from the 100¼, at which the stock closed the previous night. A further drop to 99 followed, and then the stock arose again, going up in fractions until at 10:40 it reached 100⅛, dropping back almost immediately to 99⅞.

The decline was probably the result of Lawson's bold front, displayed in his statement, and the subsequent rise was undoubtedly due to support extended by Lawson's foes.

If the predictions of the so-called Standard Oil clique can be believed Lawson's finish is a thing of the near future. They assured friends that the metal would go to 20 cents and that Amalgamated stock would go to 110 before New Year's day.

BESIEGED BY PEASANTS

Nobles at Riga Fighting for Their Lives and Property.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—It seems to be beyond question that bloody collisions have occurred between troops and the united peasantry and workmen in the streets of Riga, during which machine guns were used. The situation is most serious in the country, which is practically abandoned to the revolutionary bands owing to the concentration of the troops in the cities and towns. Against some of the estates where the landlords, aided by a few faithful adherents, are attempting to protect their property, the revolutionists are conducting regular military operations. They reduced the garrison of the estate of Baron von Loewis to submission after a majority of the defenders had been killed, and plundered and burned the buildings and carried off the baron. The survivors were made prisoners.

Foreign Minister Lamsdorf at the first interview which he had with the American ambassador, Mr. Meyer, since the latter's return to St. Petersburg, while not optimistic, expressed the opinion that the political situation and outlook had considerably improved. The law and order elements are now the principal hope of averting the cataclysm which the revolutionary parties are organizing.

Upon the early convocation of the national assembly, the pressure for which is constantly increasing, it is generally believed that Premier Witte will dispense with the services of Interior Minister Durnovo, against whom all classes have risen, and appoint M. Guchkoff, a prominent member of the Moscow zemstvo, who is said to be ready to accept the office.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Inquiries among exporters of goods to Russia and at the railway ministry show that traffic with Russia is scarcely one-third of what it is ordinarily. Practically nothing is coming from Russia and little is going there except by way of St. Petersburg.

Founder of Life Saving Corps Dead.

New York, Dec. 16.—J. Wesley Jones, founder and head of the United States volunteer life savings corps, died at his home in Brooklyn.

Another Attempt to Secure Treaty.

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 16.—An attempt is being made to revive the project for a new commercial treaty with the United States.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE.

Summary of Business Conditions Throughout the Country.

New York, Dec. 16.—Dun's review of trade says today: Holiday trade has become the principal commercial feature, retail sales surpassing all records, while it has been found necessary to place liberal supplementary orders. Yet this activity in specialties detracts little from the steady movement of staples, and in jobbing and manufacuring departments there is unprecedented preparation for the spring season. Little machinery is idle and the outlook for the future is brightened by several announcements of higher wage scales to become effective Jan. 1. These are in every instance voluntary on the part of employers, and one concern will thereby distribute about $1,000,000 more per annum. Building activities are scarcely retarded by the advancing season, new permits being constantly granted and dealers in some materials find their stocks nearing exhaustion.

Two gratifying features are noted in reports regarding the iron and steel industry. New business continues to come forward, while conservatism prevails as to quotations, and there is still no evidence of the reckless inflation that has brought a sudden setback in so many previous periods of similar activity. Basic conditions of the textile markets are still most sound, because production shows no indication of surpassing requirements. As to woolen goods the men's wear season is opening slowly on lines for next fall and the only urgency comes from certain buyers of worsteds who fear a repetition of the past season's unsatisfactory deliveries.

KILLS TWO, WOUNDS ONE

Discharged Maniac Runs Amuck at Cleveland Home.

Cleveland, Dec. 16.—William Guy, just discharged from the Newburg insane asylum, shot and killed his brother-in-law, Harry Flint, age 15, and an 18-months-old child at 280 Brownell street. Guy then went to No. 314 Central avenue and shot Mrs. Elizabeth Bennett.

He was later arrested. He is a wire drawer and 29 years of age. He had been in the insane asylum three years and upon his return home declared that he found that his wife had been unfaithful.

This apparently renewed his frenzy and he procured a revolver. At his home he killed his young brother-in-law and then the baby, which he says was born to his wife while he was in confinement. He then went to the house of Mrs. Bennett to find his wife. He shot once at her but missed her and she escaped. He then shot Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. Bennett will probably recover. The bullet before entering her abdomen struck a corset stay and was deflected.

Bluebeard Hoch Must Hang.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The supreme court of the state has affirmed the verdict of the lower court, which condemned Johann Hoch to death for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Marie Welcker Hoch, and the date of his execution has been set for Feb. 23.

Two Killed in Freight Wreck.

New Castle, Pa., Dec. 16.—Two men were instantly killed and one was badly scalded in a collision at Covert Station, five miles west of here. The dead: Engineer J. J. Welsh of Mahoningtown; Brakeman J. A. Harris. The injured: O. W. Grove of Cochrantown, Pa., fireman; Conductor Woodley, spine injured.

GHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Unusual dullness existed in the grain pits today and prices fluctuated within a narrow range. At the close May wheat was unchanged from the final quotation of yesterday. Corn was up ¼@⅜c Oats were up ⅛@¼c. Closing quotations: Wheat, May, 88⅞; corn, May, 44½; oats, May, 32½@32⅝.

PITTSBURG MARKETS—DEC. 15.

Corn—New yellow shelled, 48@50; new high mixed, 47@48; new yellow ear, 49@50.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36¾@37; No. 3 white, 36@36½.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $13.25@13.50; No. 2, $12@12.50; No. 1 clover, $11@11.50; No. 1 mixed, $10.75@11.25.

Eggs—Selected, 27@28.

Butter—Prints, 27½@28; tubs, 26½@27; dairy, 18@19.

Cheese—New York full cream, new, 14@14½; Ohio full cream, 14@14½; Wisconsin Swiss, 15@15½; limberger, new, 13@13½.

Cattle—Prime to fancy, fat, smooth steers, $5.50@5.75; green, coarse and rough, fat steers, $3.40@4; fat, smooth, dry fed, light steers, $3.85@4.40; choice milch cows, $35@50; medium to good milch cows, $20@30; good, fat, smooth, handy butchers' bulls, $3.35@3.85; feeding steers, good style, weight and extra quality, $3.50@4; feed steers, common to good quality, $3@3.50; fair to choice stockers, $2.85@3.40.

Calves—Veals, good to choice, $8@8.50; veals, fair to good, $6@7.50; heavy and thin calves, $3@5.

Hogs—Good to prime heavy, $5.15@5.20; choice medium weights, $5.15@5.20; best heavy yorkers, $5.10@5.15; good light yorkers, $5@5.05; pigs, good to prime, $5.

Sheep and Lambs—Prime wethers, $5.60@6; good to choice mixed, $5@5.50; fair to good mixed, $4@4.75; culls and common, $1@4; spring lambs, $5@7.85.

TO HELP IMMIGRANTS

Scheming to Stop Concentration In Big Cities.

RURAL CARRIERS WANT MORE PAY

What the Increase Demanded Would Mean—J. Sloat Fassett as a Congressman—Why Senator Proctor Will Retire—Tillman May Go Too.

Washington, Dec. 16.—[Special.]—Distribution of immigrants through the country is a theme that is interesting Senator Dillingham of Vermont, chairman of the committee on immigration. While he may favor more restrictive immigration, he is just now giving his attention to legislation which will be beneficial to the immigrants and the country by sending them to places where they are needed and where they will find better homes and employment. The concentration of foreigners in large cities is a condition that alarms those who give attention to sociology. Just how to prevent this is one of the many serious problems that confront the men who would like to improve the condition of the immigrant and make him a more useful citizen. Immigrants once inside the country cannot be forced to go to one state or another, and the only method that is available is that of persuasion.

Want More Money.

Rural free delivery carriers throughout the country have begun to make themselves felt, and it will be interesting to note whether or not they will be able to influence congress. They are demanding increased pay, and, according to the bills introduced, it looks as if they had a lot of friends in congress. Years ago the postal clerks did the same. Bills have been introduced for more than a dozen years looking to these increases, but they have not been made. Such increases would mean a larger postal deficit each year. The increase demanded by the rural carriers would mean an expenditure of from $5,000,000 to $8,000,000 a year more on this service.

A Coming Man.

Men from New York who know him say that J. Sloat Fassett, the representative from the Thirty-third district of New York is a coming man. It is possible that he will not get an opportunity to show what he can do for some time, and possibly the old timers who control the business of the house will not push Fassett to the front, but if he does get his chance he will make himself felt. He is one of the men who can make a good speech. He is not at all disconcerted by interruptions and questions—in fact, he is best when under a rapid fire from the opposition. It will be an interesting time if Fassett should cross swords with Bourke Cockran or Charlie Towne.

Proctor's Proposed Retirement.

The intention of Senator Proctor of Vermont to retire two years before his term expires was reached after taking into consideration every phase of senatorial life. Proctor could have stayed in the senate as long as he lived. That is a rule in New England that has been followed with only few exceptions for many years, but Senator Proctor has seen examples of this loyalty of constituents to senators which have not been for the best interests either of the men or the states they represented. We have seen men retained in the senate who had long outlived their usefulness, and who were merely ghosts of their former greatness. They held prominent places on committees, but never took part in the legislation which their committees reported. Senator Proctor, yet sound and vigorous in mind and body, desires to retire while he can still enjoy the rest of private life and while he is yet capable of performing his senatorial duties.

Tillman May Decline.

And there may be another example of retirement in the senate. Benjamin R. Tillman of South Carolina may decide to close his senatorial career one year from next March. He has said that it depends entirely upon his health and how the Washington climate affects him. For the past two winters he has been obliged to leave Washington and return to South Carolina. If he has to do so this winter he will not make the race, but should he find that he can spend the winters here there is sure to be a lively campaign in South Carolina during the coming summer. Tillman will have opposition. A man of his strong personality cannot help making enemies, but these will scarcely be able to overcome the great popularity he has in the state. In South Carolina, as in a number of other southern states, the election of senators is practically by direct vote of the people. The selection in the primary election determines who shall be elected in the legislature; hence the campaign is made before the people as if the officers were elective. The South Carolina primary will be held next summer and, if Tillman is in it, will be decidedly picturesque.

An Officer's Experience.

"I went to the capitol the other day," remarked a retired army officer who had served throughout the civil war, "and there were only two men in the whole building that I knew. One was McGinty, who was lieutenant in a Wisconsin regiment during the civil war, and the other was General Keifer. The general was being marched off by two policemen. I do not know what for, but he was going along with them. It seemed a pity, too, as he had returned to congress after twenty years."

Genera' Keifer was probably being shown some committee room by the capitol police.

ARTHUR W. DUNN.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect it.

How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

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Home of Swamp-Root.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Congress Will Adjourn from December 21 to January 4.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—When the Panama appropriation was taken up by the Senate today Mr. Bacon took the floor in support of his amendment requiring quarterly estimates of salaries and other expenses of the canal commission.

The House fixed the holiday recess by providing for adjournment next Thursday, December 21, until January 4. The insurance debate was then resumed. More than fifty members have applied for recognition on the subject and there is no disposition to limit debate. Representative Morris, of Nebraska, opened the debate.

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL.

Cornerstone of Costly Building Laid at Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—The cornerstone of the soldiers' memorial was laid this afternoon in the presence of the G. A. R. posts, Loyal Legion and various patriotic societies. Corporal Tanner, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., made an address. The other speakers were General B. R. Cowen, Capt. E. R. Monfort, Major L. M. Hosea, Max Silbersberg, Dr. W. R. Thrall, Colonel V. P. Ray, Charles A. Miller and Wade H. Ellis. The building is to cost a quarter of a million dollars and will be used for relics of the war and a meeting place for patriotic societies.

MASSILLON MARKET.

The following are the retail prices today in Massillon. This report is corrected daily:

Country butter, per lb	26
Creamery butter	28
Eggs, per dozen	30
Chickens, spring, lb dressed	15
New Cabbage, per head	8-10
Lettuce, per lb	15
Onions, per peck	40
Potatoes, per bushel	90

Dealers Pay for Country Produce:

Country butter, per lb	22-24
Eggs, per dozen	25
Chickens, live, per lb	9
Chickens, spring, dressed	12½
Chickens, dressed	10
Potatoes, per bushel	60
Live Pork	4½
Dressed Pork	6¾

GRAIN MARKETS.

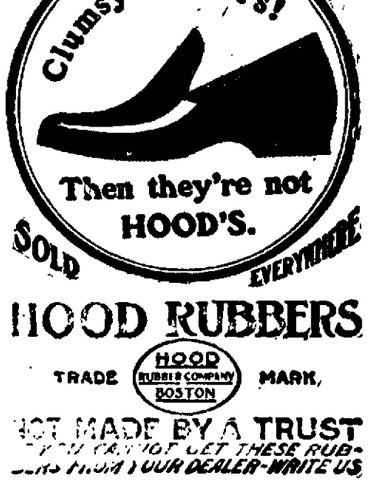
Following are the paying prices:

Wheat	83
Oats	33-38
Corn	50

Following are the selling prices.

Hay, baled, per hundred	85
Straw, per hundred	50
Shelled corn, per bushel	75
Oats, per bushel	38
Corn	60
Hay, loose, per ton	$8 $9

"I suffered habitually from constipation. Doan's Regulets relieved and strengthened the bowels, so that they have been regular ever since." A. E. Davis, grocer, Sulphur Springs, Tex.



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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

David George is confined to his home in West Main street on account of illness.

W. B. Altland, a student at Scio college, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

The quarterly conference of the First Methodist church in this city was held Friday evening. Presiding Elder J. C. Smith, of Alliance, presided and heard the various reports.

Mrs. J. M. Lester with her son, J. G. Lester, will leave this evening for aldwin, La. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Mary Lester Reynolds, of Canton. Mr. Lester will return in January. Mrs. Lester will remain in the South for some time.

The funeral of the late John Piper was held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the home of the deceased's daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Jacoby, 16 George street. The Rev. L. H. Burry conducted the services. Interment was made in the Massillon cemetery.

There was a fair sized audience at the entertainment given in the lecture room of the First Methodist church Friday evening as the second number of the Massillon lecture course. The Clare Vaughan Wales Company, including soprano and baritone soloists a violinist and a reader, rendered an excellent programme.

Through the efforts of Deputy State Grand Master William L. Nash, of Marlboro township, Stark county, the next meeting of the Ohio State Grange will be held in Carton in the middle of December, 1906. Mr. Nash presented Canton to the meeting in Columbus this week. He has also started a movement to secure the next meeting of the National Grange in Canton.

M. G. Carrell, of Cleveland, division passenger agent of the B. & O., has notified all the ticket agents of this division of there being in circulation counterfeit $5 and $10 silver certificates and warning the agents to be on the lookout for them. In order that the agents may be able to detect the counterfeits they are described by their numbers, the number of the $5 counterfeit certificate being 63,632,154 and that of the $10 certificate being 3,882,917.

Mrs. J. C. F. Putman gave a luncheon and progressive euchre party at her residence in East Main street Friday, the second of a series of two. The guests were served at eleven tables. The prizes at the close of the euchre contest were awarded to Mrs. Laura Walker and Mrs. C. P. L. McLain. Mrs. Walker received a set of handpainted salt cellars and Mrs. McLain handsome lace fan. Mrs. L. E. Yeager, of Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. W. R. Zollinger, of Canton, were the out of town guests present.

It has been reported to the Leader office that recently a horse was removed from the river in what is known as the second pond, a portion of the backwater from which Alliance draws her water supply, that had been there a week or ten days. The animal had belonged to "Dutch" Heury and had evidently become swamped and drowned. A colored man by the name of "Dr." Brown is said to have discovered the carcass and reported it to the authorities, but even then it was not removed for several days. From all reports the animal was in the water ten days.—Alliance Leader.

The efforts of the house committee and the hostesses appointed for the military euchre party at the Massillon club Friday evening were crowned with brilliant success. Supper was served at twenty-three small tables in the billiard room at half past 6. Then a drum and fife sounded the call to arms and the guests ascended to the ball room, where sixteen tables, representing as many different countries, were in readiness for the game. Greece was victorious and each of the six soldiers represented were awarded an American flag as a trophy. The victors were I. M. Taggart, captain; Mrs. Taggart, Miss Lilian Ulman, Miss Amie Inman and Melville Everhard. Among those present from out of town were Mrs. Albert Phillips, of Newark, N. J., Mrs. L. E. Yeager, of Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. W. R. Zollinger, of Canton.

OBITUARY.

JOHN PIPER.

John Piper, aged 74 years, died Thursday morning at 8:50 o'clock, from a complication of diseases, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Jacoby, 16 George street. Mr. Piper had been in failing health for several years, but was seriously ill but a few days. The funeral will be held from the Jacoby home Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, the Rev. L. H. Burry officiating. Interment will be made in the Massillon cemetery.

Mr. Piper was born near Pigeon Run and had been a resident of the western part of Stark county all of his life. The greater part of his life was spent on a farm. He conducted a feed store in West Main street in Massillon a few years but gave up this because of failing health. Mrs. Piper died about four years ago. The deceased is survived by the following children: L. B. Piper and Marion Piper, of Coshocton; J. W. Piper, of Fostoria; Mrs. J. W. McCombs, of Uhrichsville; Miss Cora Piper, of Moline, Ill.; Mrs. John Kelley, Mrs. Felix Bernard, Mrs. Benjamin Jacoby and Melvin Piper, of Massillon; one brother, William Piper, of Millport; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Keller, of Canton, and Mrs. Ora Young, of Millport; eighteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

Cecelia Fick, the three-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fick, of Barberton, died Friday morning and the body was brought to Massillon Saturday. The funeral will be held from St. Mary's church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, with interment in St. Mary's cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Fick formerly lived in this city.

MISS BAYLISS' PORTRAITS.

Homer St. Gaudens Refers to Them in "The Critic."

In an article on "Modern American Miniature Painters," in the December number of The Critic, Homer St. Gaudens thus refers to Miss Lilian Bayliss, formerly of Massillon:

"The painting of miniatures in the West has progressed but little, yet in Cleveland, O., Miss Lilian Bayliss proves a welcome exception. Though she has not worked as long as many others, yet such work as that upon the ivory of Mme. Gabrielli displays a distinct power of characterization. Miss Bayliss' modeling and her evident appreciation of the disposition of light must be founded upon sincere study.

a whole she produces results peculiar for a refinement, a simplicity of tone and surface, and a dignity in the use of color. With her should be ranked Mrs. Sargent Kendall, who gained an honorable mention at Buffalo, Miss Ellen Abrens and Miss Louisa Wood."

Among the illustrations is a reproduction of one of Miss Bayliss' portraits called "The Musical Bunny." It is the likeness of the little daughter of her cousin, Mrs. Sheldon Cary, holding a toy.

NEARBY TOWNS.

ELTON.

Elton, Dec. 16.—E. S. McFarren took a fine bunch of lambs to Beach City Tuesday.

Phares McFarren is in our midst this week calling on relatives and old time friends.

M. A. Boughman was in Strasburg on Wednesday.

John Baskey, living south of town, is suffering with a severe attack of appendicitis.

The social literary at the McFarren school house last Friday evening was a success.

D. Boughman attended the funeral services of the late O. A. Breninger at West Lebanon on Monday.

ADDITIONAL HELP.

Clerks to Handle Holiday Mail at the Postoffice.

The department, acting on the recommendation of Postmaster Koons, has granted the local office additional help to handle the holiday mail, which yearly assumes large proportions. Sub-Clerk W. P. Walters will assist in the office and Sub-Letter Carrier Jesse Sohner has been assigned a special route which has been established temporarily to relieve the regular force of carriers of a portion of the burdens of the usual heavy mail at this season.

Daily letters addressed to Santa Claus are collected from the street boxes by the carriers. The unsealed ones are disposed of in the local office and those bearing letter postage are, in accordance with the postal laws, forwarded to the dead letter office in Washington. From the requests made for presents, which vary in choice from the rubber cat to the jointed doll one is almost enabled to read the soul of the happy anticipating boy and girl.

OLD BELL HUNG.

It Now Swings in Presbyterian Church Tower.

The old bell which hung for more than half a century in the tower of the former Presbyterian church building was placed in the tower of the new church at 9:30 Saturday morning. The bell is fifty-one years old. It was manufactured in Troy, N. Y. The trustees of the church do not know at present whether or not the bell will ever again be used to call the congregation to regular services, but it will be ready to use on special occasions.

It is probable that services will be held in the basement of the new church some time next month. The congregation hopes to be able to worship in the church auditorium by April 1.

STUDENTS ALL ESCAPE.

Constantinople, Dec. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Barton Hall, an American college for girls in the suburb of Scutari, was partially destroyed by fire last night. The students, including a number of boarders, were in bed when the flames were discovered. All the inmates were rescued.

DIAMOND SMUGGLERS.

Few Caught Owing to Their Ingenuity In Hiding Gems.

"Diamond smugglers are a constant source of worry to us," said the customs house inspector. "Despite every precaution taken here and abroad to spot them, not more than 10 per cent are caught with the goods. There seems to be no limit to the devilish ingenuity employed by these—I was going to say gentry—but there are quite as many women in the business as men.

"It is really wonderful, when you come to think of it, that we are ever able to make a good haul when you consider how easily diamonds can be concealed. Hollow heels are a favorite receptacle for the precious stones, and I understand that there are places in Europe where you can buy shoes specially constructed with spaces in the heels.

"I remember one woman—she is still in the business—who displayed great ingenuity in smuggling diamonds. It was only by chance that we caught her at one of her tricks. She arrived with a very striking Paris bonnet, which was ornamented with bunches of grapes. While we were examining her baggage this dream of a hat blew off and was smashed by a passing truck. I rushed gallantly to recover the hat and then saw that each of the grapes contained a diamond or precious stone. She got what was left of the hat, but nothing more.

"What can a man of ordinary perception do with such people? They will best him every time unless he's gifted with second sight. I never see a chap with long hair but I think of the day we picked $10,000 worth of stones from a fellow's head who wore a pompadour like a brush heap.

"No, we can't keep up with all their tricks and don't expect to. It's the behavior of the smuggler that generally gives him away. When we see a man or woman acting uneasy, nervous, betraying his or her guilt by gestures, we have him or her searched. One gets to know the smuggler face after a time, and so captures are made."—New York Herald.

Revolting Burial Customs.

Of Tibetan burial customs, including the devouring of the corpse by dogs and vultures, Edward Candler, the author of "The Unveiling of Lassa," writes: "When a Tibetan dies he is left three days in his chamber, and a slit is made in his skull to let his soul pass out. Then he is rolled into a ball, wrapped in a sack or silk if he is rich, packed into a jar or basket and carried along to the music of conch shells to the ceremonial stone. Here a lama takes the corpse out of its vessel and wrappings and lays it face downward on a large flat slab, and the pensioners (dogs and vultures) prowl or hop round waiting for their dole.'

"They are quite tame. The lamas stand a little way apart and see that strict etiquette is observed during the entertainment. The carver begins at the ankle and cuts upward, throwing little strips of flesh to the guests. The bones he throws to a second attendant, who pounds them up with a heavy stone."

A Story of Alexandre Dumas.

This story is told of Alexandre Dumas: It is well known that he could not refuse a request—at least not often. One day he gave a man a letter to one of his intimate friends in Brussels. The friend, a wealthy merchant, received him as though he had been Dumas' own brother, introduced him to his circle of acquaintances, placed his stable at the man's disposal and did everything in his power to make life pleasant for Dumas' friend. After the lapse of fourteen days the man suddenly disappeared and with him the best horse in the merchant's stable. Six months later the merchant visited Dumas and thanked him for the kind of people he recommended to his consideration. "Dear friend," he added, "your friend is a shark. He stole the best horse in my stable." Astonished, Dumas raised his hands toward heaven and cried, "What, he stole from you too!"

Insensible to Pain.

A mother's love for her children is always being illustrated, not only in books, but in real life. A true story is told of a lady whose baby was very ill and who sat watching the child with absorbed attention, every instant fearing another convulsion and praying for deliverance from it. At her side stood an older child, who had stolen into the room unobserved and who was trying to prick the little black spots in mamma's muslin sleeve with a needle he had found. Presently the father came in, and the little child was seen and sent away.

"What is the matter with your arm?" whispered the gentleman to his wife when at last they turned to each other and smiled their thankfulness that the baby had fallen asleep.

"I don't know," said she. "Nothing that I am aware of."

She put up her hand and found that the thin muslin sleeve was soaked with blood. The little boy had become so absorbed in his sport that he had jabbed with all his might, and she in her terrible anxiety had not felt the thrusts.

THEIR LETTER HAS BORNE FRUIT.

What is Expected by Athletic Club Promoters.

DESCRIPTION OF GYMNASIUM.

It is Expected That 400 Men and Possibly 200 Young Men and Boys Will Avail Themselves of the Advantages of the Club.

The circular letter issued on November 21 by the following well known citizens, J. W. McClymonds, I. M. Taggart, W. E. Russell, E. E. Fox, E. C. Merwin, F. W. Arnold, E. J. Craft, T. Clarke Miller, Henry C. Eyman, H. C. Brown, F. L. Baldwin, Charles O. Heggem, George Kratsch, Jacob J. Wise, H. A. Croxton, F. B. Doherty and E. R. Albrecht, has borne fruit and now there has been issued a statement of what the promoters of "The Massillon Athletic Club" hope to accomplish. Among the things hoped for by the promoters are the following:

To incorporate as "The Massillon Athletic Club," with authorized capital stock of $20,000, one-half to be issued in shares of $100 each and the remainder to remain in the treasury.

To include men as well as boys, regardless of age, and to divide them into classes so that the men will have the use of the club certain days and evenings, and the boys at other times; and to intersperse the lectures and work with talks suitable for each.

We have now secured an option on a lot on the northeast corner of East Main and Front streets that meets the requirements more nearly than any other known of. This lot has 88½ feet front on Main and 200 feet on Front street; has pavement, curbing and gutter; lies high and is on the street car line. It can be purchased for $5,000 for this purpose, but is conceded to be worth more.

The proposed building will have an 80 foot front on Main street and be 100 feet long on Front street. In the basement it is proposed to have a bowling alley, lockers, shower baths and a 40 by 50 foot swimming pool, or plunge bath, with graduated depths. The heating apparatus and coal bins will also be in the basement.

It is calculated that some four hundred men and possibly two hundred young men and boys may be expected to avail themselves of the advantages of the club. Discounting this fifty per cent, we will assume that we have two hundred men and one hundred boys. This will provide an annual income of $2,500 from dues. It is confidently expected that the revenue from exhibition games of basket ball alone will bring in at least calculation $1,000 per year, so that the yearly income may be safely reckoned at $3,500. The fixed expenditures are estimated at $1,000 for instructor; $360 for janitor; $240 for lights, heat and water; $200 for taxes and insurance and $200 for possible repairs, a total of $2,200, leaving possible $1,300 with which to pay a six per cent dividend on the stock and provide a surplus for future emergencies.

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HOUSE—Four roomed house, rent reasonable, possession given at once. Inquire 289 E Oak St.

HOUSE—Four roomed house 14 State St., city and cistern water, gas, also barn on premises. Inquire E. Weinrich 227 N. Mill St.

HOUSE—Five room house, 156 E. Tremont St; furnace, gas and city water. Inquire Mrs John Lowe, 92 E. Tremont St.

HOUSE—Four room house on Front street. Inquire of Adam Stephan, at Hammersmith's office.

HOUSE—Five room house, rear 114 Cherry St.; city and cistern water. Inquire 114 E. Cherry St.

OFFICE ROOMS—Two office rooms on second floor of Welker Block Inquire of Hattie M Welker. Bell phone 224

ONE OFFICE ROOM on second floor in new Schworm block. Inquire C Frank Schworm grocery.

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